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1. The following information is reported from Brzeg (Brieg, Silesia, located between Wroclaw/Breslau and Opole/Oppeln):
  - a. One Polish engineer regiment under the command of a Soviet officer, Lubanski, and one Polish anti-aircraft artillery regiment are stationed in the southern suburb of Brzeg.
  - b. One fully equipped Soviet engineer regiment arrived from Kharkov (Ukraine) during July 1948. There is also one Soviet motorized artillery regiment with 155-mm. guns stationed in the city.
  - c. At a location described as "Robotnicza Street" near the barracks are located two underground liquid fuel tanks with an aggregate storage capacity of 75,000 liters.
2. The airfield at Brzeg is described as the largest in Silesia. It is situated 4 km. southwest of Brzeg, between the Brzeg-Schusselndorf-Kreisewitz and the Brzeg-Pampitz-Konradswalde roads (see sketch).
  - a. The airfield covers an area of about 8 sq. km.
  - b. The largest runway is laid out from northwest to southeast, is 3 km. long and 10 meters wide, and is built of concrete 15 cm. thick.
  - c. Two secondary runways, one to the north and one to the south, are laid out in an east-west direction. They are 2 km. long and 40 meters wide and are built of concrete 15 cm. thick.
  - d. The three runways are connected by a circular concrete track 30 meters wide.
  - e. The airfield is built in an area of rocky and sandy soil.
  - f. Fuel is brought to the base in tank cars from Russia. There are no storage facilities on the base itself, but underground tanks are located in the vicinity.

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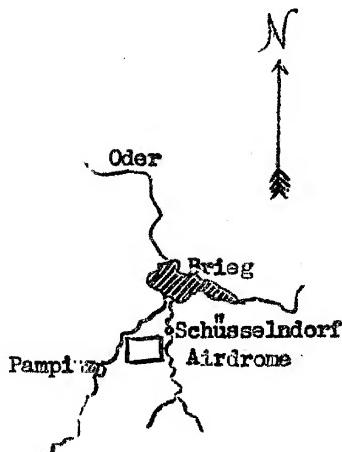
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- g. Two underground hangars are located near the town of Schüsselndorf.
- h. On 22 September about 400 Soviet fighters and light bombers of the types PE and YAK were observed on the field.
- i. Pilots, flight officers, and ground crews are quartered at Schüsseldorf (about 1,500) and Pampitz (about 2,000).
- j. There are many 500- to 1000-kg. bomb dumps along the Brzeg-Pampitz road.
- k. [REDACTED] the air force personnel are young and well-equipped. Both planes and men arrived recently at the base from Russia by rail.

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